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- 1. A POLITICAL SECTION LOCAL EMPLOYEE VISITED CHANTHABURI AND TRAT PROVINCES OF SOUTHEAST THAILAND MAY 14 THROUGH 16. HE TALKED WITH SEVERAL THAI OFFICIALS, INCLUDING THE TRAT GOVERNOR, WHO INFORMED HIM THAT THE RTG SENDS ALL VIETNAMESE REFUGEES COMING IN BY SEA, AT ANY POINT IN EITHER PROVINCE, TO KHLONGYAI DISTRICT OF TRAT. THEY ARE LOCATED IN A LARGE SCHOOL BUILDING ABOUT 300 METERS FROM DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS.
- 2. THERE ARE NOW 550 TO 560 IN THE SCHOOL, WHICH HAS NO TOILET FACILITIES AND NO MOSQUITO NETS. THIS TOTAL INCLUDES 445 VIETNAMESE THAT THE RTG HAD SO FAR REGISTERED, APPROXIMATELY 60 THEN UNDERGOING REGISTRATION, AND ANOTHER BATCH OF 54 THAT ARRIVED BY TWO BOATS THE EVENING OF MAY 15.
- 3. THERE ARE SOME 800 CAMBODIAN CIVILIAN REFUGEES IN AN ADJACENT BUT SEPARATE BUILDING. THE RTG IS STILL SCREENING AND REGISTERING THEM. NO BANGKOK LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ASSISTANCE HAS BEEN FORTHCOMING.

- 4. THERE ARE OVER 700 CAMBODIAN MILITARY REFUGEES, INCLUDING MEMBERS OF THEIR FAMILIES, LOCATED AT MAKHAM DISTRICT OF CHANTHABURI PROVINCE. THEY ALSO HAVE RECEIVED NO ASSISTANCE FROM BANGKOK.
- 5. THERE IS A THIRD GROUP OF MUSLIM CAMBODIANS AT NAMCHIA CANTON OF LAEM NGOP DISTRICT OF TRAT. THAI MUSLIMS ARE TAKING CARE OF THEM, AND THEY DO NOT SEEM TO BE IN THE UNFORTUNATE CIRCUMSTANCES OF OTHER REFUGEES.
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